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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MISSING LINE PARA 2)

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SUBJECT: MISHANDLED LETTER TO ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN
ALBANIA

FOR: MR. WENICK

REFS.: A) ROME 12123, B) STATE 199297

1. PER REQUEST IN PARA 2 REF A. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF
LETTER TO AMBASSADOR FERRARA BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN-
LY SENT VIA INTERNATIONAL MAIL TO ALBANIA:

QUOTE: AMBASSADOR RENATO FERRARA
THE ITALIAN EMBASSY
TIRANA, ALBANIA

DEAR AMBASSADOR FERRARA:

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR
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YOUR PERSONAL REPLY TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS

ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN ALBANIA WHICH OUR EMBASSY IN ROME SUBMITTED TO YOU.

THE DEPARTMENT FINDS YOUR TOUR D'HORIZON ON ALBANIAN

DEVELOPMENTS ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND INFORMATIVE THAT WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE TO RECEIVE. YOUR EXTENSIVE COMMENTS HAVE NOT ONLY BUTTRESSED A NUMBER OF IMPRESSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS BUT ALSO GIVEN US DEEPER INSIGHT INTO IMPORTANT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS. MOST APPRECIATED ARE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE BALLUKU CASE, THE SUCCESSION, AND PEKING'S STRATEGY IN THE BALKANS AND THE CURRENT STATUS OF ITS TIES WITH TIRANA.

AS YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OUR INFORMATION ABOUT ALBANIA IS LIMITED. AS A RESULT, THE DEPARTMENT, AND I PERSONALLY, ARE VERY THANKFUL FTR YOUR AND THE FARNESINA'S WILLINGNESS TO LET US SHARE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION AND HAVE YOUR PERSONAL INSIGHTS INTO ALBANIAN AFFAIRS.

SINCERELY,

JOHN A. ARMITAGE
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. UNQUOTE.

2. CONCUR WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION PARA 3, REF. A.
ACCORDINGLY PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE TO MFA FOR TRANSMITTAL TO AMBASSADOR FERRARA WITH TEXT OF ORIGINAL LETTER.

AMBASSADOR RENATO FERRARA

DEAR AMBASSADOR FERRARA:

ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF A LETTER WHICH I HAD ADDRESSED TO YOU TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE AND COMMENTARY ON ALBANIAN AFFAIRS.

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UNHAPPILY, I NOW DISCOVER THAT THROUGH AN INADVERTENT BUT REGRETTABLE ERROR IN OUR ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF THE LETTER IT WAS DISPATCHED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL AND THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF INTERCEPTING IT. AS A RESULT, THIS LETTER HAS NOW BECOME A POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT FOR BOTH YOU AND YOUR STAFF.
I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU MY DEEPEST REGRETS FOR THIS

OCCURRENCE AND APOLOGIZE FOR ANY EMBARRASSMENT OR DIS-
COMFITURE WHICH MAY RESULT TO YOURSELF OR YOUR STAFF FROM
OUR ILL-FATED EFFORT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
ASSISTANCE.

YINCERELY,

JOHN A. ARMITAGE
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

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